Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I do not know. Government will consider the question and it will receive their sympathetic consideration.

Newspapers in the State—registration of.

275. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the dailies, weeklies, etc., printed, published and circulated within the State are all registered in the State;

(b) if so, what is the procedure adopted by the Government in satisfying that the Printers and Publishers are honouring the conditions of licenses granted to them ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) No license is granted since the same is not required under the law.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to say whether these papers have to declare anything before the District Magistrate ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have to register and send two copies to Government.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether copies of every issue are sent to the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, two copies of every issue.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Am I to understand that all these papers, weeklies and monthlies, are gone through by Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—I hope that Government have appreciated the language and everything noted in those papers, and they think that they are decent ones for the future generation.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No admission from the Government is required.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Have the Government given permission to print anything and everything in the papers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If the member will refer to the Criminal Procedure Code he will find the restrictions there.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—After noticing all these defects, whether Government have taken any steps till now ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—What defects ?

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Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Have not the Government found any defects at all in the present dailies and weeklies?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A few articles might have been drawn to the attention of the Government. In those cases Government are taking whatever action that is desirable.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government are aware that in some of these the language is somewhat indecent and the matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it engaging your serious attention?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government has only serious attention.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are the Government aware that some papers are publishing scandalous statements such as, calling a Brahmin the son of a Mohammedan and so on and the Government say that they are only considering.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I may reply to the Hon'ble Member that the parties who are hurt, who are affected by adverse criticism, have their relief from the Courts. The Government are seriously considering whether any action has to be taken to effect more control over the press. That is all the Government can do at present. They are following a liberal policy with regard to the press. But if, as was observed the other day, irresponsible journalism compels them, the Government will do their best to meet the situation.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What has the Government done to put a stop to indecent language that is now-a-days adopted by some papers?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I may inform the Member that one paper has been prosecuted under Section 268 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is that the only paper?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is the only paper which was brought to the notice of the Government as having published such highly indecent language as deserving action.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know whether no other paper has used highly flagrant language?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government never interfere with flagrant language, but only with such high indecent language as deserves action.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has not the public anything to do with the tone of the paper?

President.—Question time is over.

Kanippayyur and Chowwannur Panchayat—improvement by opening a road.

276. Mr P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be eased to state:—

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